

Dear Sirs:

I would like to indicate my support of RM-10352. The 160 meter band is over 200 kHz wide, yet on any evening, most of the activity is centered in just 30 kHz. Often with SSB and CW competing for the same limited space.

Voluntary band plans as suggested by ARRL have helped, they do not provide the "teeth" needed to insure compliance by operators who want to disrupt the activity on the band or "make their legal point."

Segmenting 43 kHz of this 200 kHz for narrowband modes will provide sufficient protection for the weak signal work that is an important aspect of these modes, as well as leaving plenty of room for the SSB and AM activity that is found each evening. I expect this level of wideband activity, and therefore pressure for resources, to become even greater as we begin to descend into the next sunspot low.

I believe adoption of RM-10352 will be the most best overall usage of the band, while reducing the judgement calls that a voluntary band plan can cause for the FCC's enforcement branch.

Sincerely,

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